Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

December 17, 2010

Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr. U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

We write to you in regards to the recent holding of *Commonwealth of Virginia v. Sebelius*, 10-cv-00188, decided by Judge Henry E. Hudson of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (Richmond). As you are aware, Judge Hudson ruled that the commerce clause of the Constitution does not permit the federal government to require individuals to purchase health insurance.

The expectation of interested parties to this case and ones similar is that the questions raised would be best addressed by the United States Supreme Court. Given the significant consequences to our Nation's citizens and States alike, and for the sake of timely certainty, should the Administration choose to challenge Judge Hudson's ruling, we encourage the Department of Justice to pursue an expedited appeals process to the U.S. Supreme Court. A prudent review and ultimate decision of these issues by the U.S. Supreme Court will propel our Nation forward and allow its citizens to come together.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this matter, I would appreciate if you would contact Congressman J. Randy Forbes or Brenda Hankins from his staff at (202) 225-6365 / brenda.hankins@mail.house.gov at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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